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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Document Security and the HSCA

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1. On Thursday, 25 May 1978, Gary Cornwell, HSCA Counsel, came out to deliver two proposed procedures for handling "CIA Documents and Derivative Material." One of these specified that it was to apply to the subject of the [redacted], and the other was described as applying to "Agreed Upon Subject Matters," which is a euphemism [redacted]

2. In my earlier meeting that morning with Messrs. Blakey, Cornwell, and Klein, I had inquired about the Agency's receipt of notes and transcripts of [redacted] deposition under the agreement providing such material on current employees. At that time, Cornwell had said that there were some problems involved, and they would have a proposal to submit to us; the two attached proposals are the result.

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3. A quick review of the two tabled proposals made it clear that the HSCA wishes to remove documents pertaining to the [redacted] issues from the established systems of document control. Rather than getting involved in a discussion of the language, I spoke in terms of general principles.

4. The Agencies' concern over loss of physical control of unsanitized documents in the age of Xerox was explained. That there had been bad experiences in the past was stated as a consideration for exercising greater care.

5. I said that the beachhead had been established for a very specific purpose; the hearings and depositions. We did not wish to extend this practice; that it conceivably could grow to a large holding of Agency files was explained. I said that we had recognized the possibility of increased

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